

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended claims 11-19, 21-25, 27 and 28 and have withdrawn claim 20 in accordance with Applicant's election based on the restriction requirement. The amendments also correct the dependency of the dependent claims introduced in the preliminary amendment mailed July 14, 2004. No new matter has been introduced.

The Examiner requires a restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. The Examiner alleges that the present application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The Examiner requires that the Applicants elect a single invention from the following groups:

Group I, claim(s) 10-19, 20 (in part), 27-29, drawn to a method of treating visceral hypersensitivity by administering a compound of formula I.

Group II, claim(s) 10-19, 20 (in part), 27-29, drawn to a method of treating altered motor responses by administering a compound of formula I.

Group III, claim(s) 10-19, 21-26 (in part), 27-29, drawn to a method of treating functional bowel syndromes by administering a compound of formula I.

Group IV, claim(s) 10-19, 21-24 (in part), 27-29, drawn to a method of treating functional dyspepsia by administering a compound of formula I.

Without traverse, Applicants elect Group III.


The Examiner requires that the Applicants elect a single species for examination purposes. Applicants elect the compound of formula II. The claims readable on the compound of formula II are claims 10-19, 21-26, and 27-29.

In view of the remarks and amendments, further and favorable consideration of the present application and the allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. The

Examiner is also invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe that such contact would expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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